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Thread.

Went into wokiess of wokesville AKA Shoreditch. To attend this. In a pub. With only a hand-sized half-filled bottle of anti-bacterial hand gel for protection, no food or drink were ordered.



Talk was re: results from a 'large online study of men and women in 4 proposed ETII groups: autogynephilia, autoandrophilia, autonepiophilia (age play or ABDL*), and autoanthropomorphozoophilia (pet play or fursuiting)'.

*adult baby diaper lover 🍼

Tuesday 4th February 2020 @ The Bell Pub, E1 7EX

Ashley Brown, King's College London

Erotic Target Identity Inversions: Becoming Your Own Target of Desire

Erotic Target Identity Inversions (ETIIs) are poorly studied paraphilias characterised by individuals becoming the object of their own desire. Erotic target location (either located in the self or others) is theorised to be another dimension of sexuality. Historically, ETIIs have been studied in males who report become aroused by the thought of themselves acting as a woman (known as autogynephilia). Other ETIIs have been proposed, including autopedophilia (people with attraction to children becoming aroused to the thought of being a child) and autoandrophilia (the female equivalent of autogynephilia). The current talk will discuss results from a large online study of men and women in four proposed ETII groups: autogynephilia, autoandrophilia, autonepiophilia (for those interested in age play or ABDL), and autoanthropomorphozoophilia (those interested in pet play or fursuiting). In addition to providing information about these ETII groups, we will examine potential motivating factors, psychological correlates, and comorbidities. The controversy surrounding ETIIs, particularly in regards to the relationship between autogynephilia and gender identity, will also be discussed.

Talk was given by Ashley Brown a research student from the Institute of Psychiatry at Kings College.

Ashley Brown is a PhD researcher from King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience. Originally from the US, she moved to London in 2017 to complete a project titled "The Psychological, Social, and Demographic Factors Associated with Atypical Sexual Interests". Her work focuses on destigmatisation of atypical or paraphilic sexual interest groups, investigating new dimensions of sexuality, and examining the structure of sexual fantasies and behaviour. In addition to her research, she works at a local sexual health clinic and has previously given talks on the development of atypical sexual interests and clinical recommendations for health practitioners working with individuals with such sexual interests.

AB's other recently co-authored paper was 'A Systematic Scoping Review of the Prevalence, Etiological, Psychological, and Interpersonal Factors Associated with BDSM' which found that practitioners 'do not show higher rates of mental health or relationship problems'.

Right.

A Systematic Scoping Review of the Prevalence, Etiological, Psychological, and Interpersonal Factors Associated with BDSM

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Abstract

BDSM (bondage, discipline, dominance, submission, and sadomasochism) encompasses a diverse set of sexual interests. Research interests in BDSM have been historically underpinned by examining potential mental health issues, unhealthy fixations on specific sexual behaviors, and/or the presence of childhood trauma, as is predicted by psychopathological and psychoanalytic models. The objective of this scoping review was to provide an overview of the current landscape of BDSM research, including incidence rates, evidence for psychopathological, psychoanalytical, biological, and social etiological factors, demographics of BDSM practitioners, and the psychological correlates of those with BDSM interests. After the literature search and screening process, 60 articles were included. BDSM related fantasies were found to be common (40-70%) in both males and females, while about 20% reported engaging in BDSM. Results show little support for psychopathologic or psychoanalytic models. In the selected samples studied, BDSM practitioners appear to be white, well educated, young, and do not show higher rates of mental health or relationship problems. Research supports BDSM being used as a broadening of sexual interests and behaviors instead of a fixation on a specific interest. Future empirical research should focus on non-pathological models of BDSM, discrimination of BDSM practitioners, interpersonal relationships, and biological factors.

The full article on Erotic Target Identity was published in the Journal of Sexual Health in January 2020.

Abstract is worth reading if you're interested.

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Glance over references reveals heavy reliance on the work of Blanchard.

The project wasn't funded and appaz. there are 'no conflicts of interest' to note.

Money, Serano and Zucker are also notable mentions.

[https://www.jsm.jssexmed.org/article/S1743-6095\(19\)31509-7/references](https://www.jsm.jssexmed.org/article/S1743-6095(19)31509-7/references)

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:

Sample drawn from 'self-reported' participants over the internet - so bit like running a Twitter poll then?

What measures, if any, were put in place to stop multiple reporting?

Well, I actually found the tweet that AB used to promote the survey. It's her current pinned tweet.

It's especially interesting in light of the claim she made during the talk she didn't purposely seek people from the kink community.



Ok, pick your jaws off the floor.

AB began by saying the female orgasm used to be regarded as atypical sexual behaviour, and implied that paraphiliac behaviour needed to make a similar transition.

There are two types of sexual behaviour - normophiliac and paraphiliac. Normophiliac is when you enjoy sexual stimulation in a normal way with a consenting adult. Paraphiliac is everything which isn't normal.

Then there are 3 modes:

- 1, Being interested in a paraphilia
- 2, Acting on a paraphilia
- 3, Paraphilia disorder (unhappy about it, as opposed to 'social persecution' for it)

AB's research suggested that up to 40-70% of people could have some degree of paraphilia.

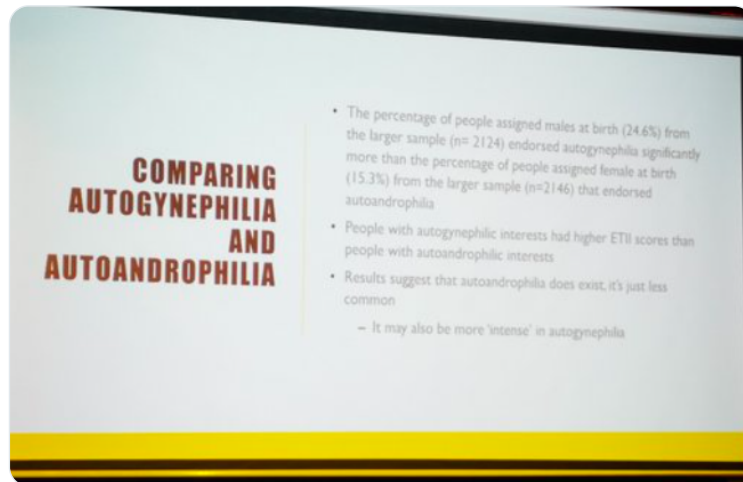
External target identity inversion is only valid when the target of your external desire is then turned towards yourself, so a man who is heterosexual fancying himself as a

woman.

AB explained that Blanchard's work is controversial as he says all heterosexual cross dressing men are AGP. AB distanced herself from this diktat but I suspect in the absence of any other serious research into this area there weren't any other research comparators available.

AB said that most TW *aren't* AGP, though admitted a few said they were and that they generally aren't into kink.

Blanchard has also denied that there can be such thing as autoandrophilia (the female version of AGP). AB says it does exist but fewer cases.

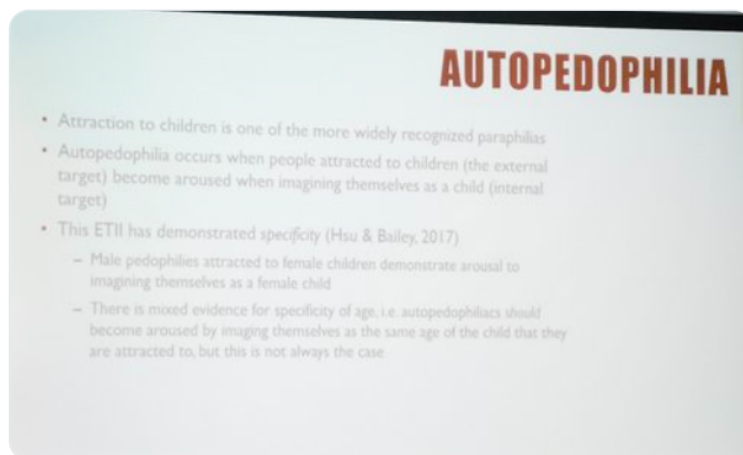


AB said sex drive is driven by biological processes and that sex drive is primarily driven by testosterone in both sexes.

(Er, hello, what about female sex hormones?)

Also slightly higher in autistic ppl (& more common in males).

Then she said some things about 'paedophiles' and autopaedophilia, who should only ever be known as child sex abusers, which are just too grim to repeat, so I won't.



AB used the Kinsey scale to determine sexual orientation, again she was sorry that this method implied that sex is binary.

AB asserted that c. 6,000 took part in the survey across UK, Canada, USA, Eire in an online survey (basically anyone with English language skills

could answer it and I ploughed through it myself, I don't think multiple entries could be stopped).

AB stated that she tried not to share it in places on internet where there were kink communities, etc, so that she didn't skew the results, but given the tweet she composed to advertise it, it probably didn't make a difference.

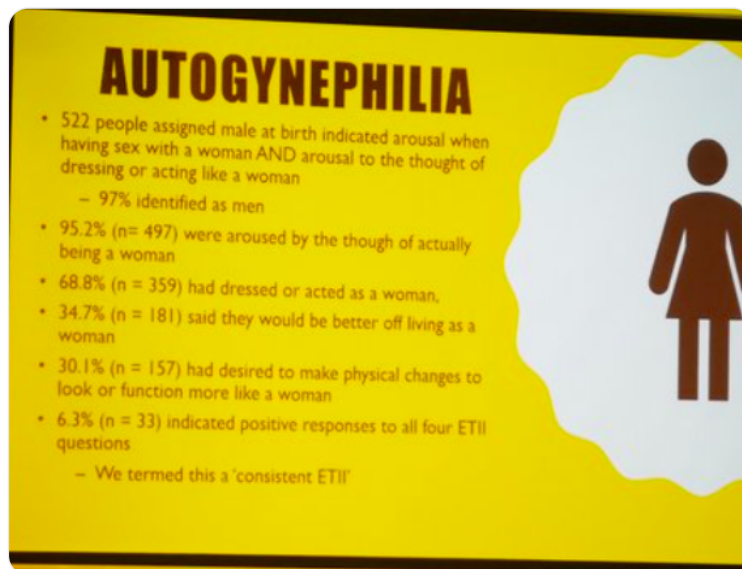


With the lure of a potential £50 Amazon voucher and a chance to gloss over highly pornographic scenarios, I can imagine that only completely honest answers were given about their lived experiences.



It certainly turned up some incredible results. Huge numbers of 'AMAB' admitting to be 'AGP' with 25% of them wanting to make body modifications.

(None of this data means anything, it was all gathered online and unverified)



If you're not incredulous about that, you will be about the data on women who are 'autoandrophile'.

Up to 56% dressed up as men for sexual kicks - because as we all know there's nothing hornier than jeans and T-shirt.

25% wanted to make body modifications to look like men.

Remember these will be heterosexual women AB is referring to (lesbians can't be 'autoandrophile' according to the theory of ETII, and TMAM).

Q&A

A rather delightful old man did talk, a little bit salaciously it has to be said, about 'most women having rape fantasies' which lead the discussion to although the paraphilias discussed could be perceived as highly deranged the participants reported no intrinsic mental

health problems in relation to it.

Auto-asphyxiation was discussed. This had been upgraded to a paraphiliac disorder in the most recent DSM because it can cause death/serious harm. AB felt this was unfair.

Delightful gent again, said that an 'orrible old judge had told off bloke who liked to do BDSM on his wife. Fucking 'orrible old judge told the geezer not to do it again or he'd jail him. What!!!

Then he started going on about strangulation (and then another thing, and then another, he was really quite odd). Suspect he was on the faculty.

Q: What was the mental health situation of persons affected by paraphilias?

A: Again, they have normal mental health, stress could be due to social stress and 'persecution' for their paraphilia, or in the case of AGP, having to keep it secret from their wives.

The words 'MAP community' were uttered.

AB gave example of a man who had a weight gain fetish (also known as fat greedy bastard syndrome) who'd developed liver function problems. It was AB's job as a sex therapist to guide him towards something which was less harmful (hopefully in tandem with a diabetes specialist).

AB said the survey revealed there were little differences shown up in the data between how men and women viewed themselves, thereby confirming vast majority were male participants.

Q: Do AGP men, transition and then detransition?

A: AB it's rare for people to detransition, and then recommended that people look at [#detransition](#) - therefore admitting awareness of the growing numbers of people tweeting about it.

Positive note:

AB said she can't find anyone to fund her research.

Hurrah!

Negative note:

This 'research' is going to be used to validate some shit somewhere, somehow.

Grim.

I know that this is the third time of posting this, but I can't quite believe that this is how the Institute of Psychiatry at Kings College are conducting research. This is not a serious or professional way to approach research.

It is just genuinely very disgusting.



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